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SUBJECT: FRENCH PROPOSAL RE NORTH CORRIDORM

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1. FRENCH WERE REFERRING, REF A, TO BACC WORKING GROUP MEETING MARCH 10 ATTENDED BY ALLIED BASC AND BERLIN CIVIL AIR TECHNICAL EXPERTS AT WHICH US CHIEF CONTROLLER ATTEMPTED TO TAKE UP BRITISH PROPOSAL, REF B, THAT EXPERTS EXAMINE TECHNICAL CHANGES IN BASC PROCEDURES NECESSITATED BY AIR SAFETY IMPLICATIONS OF SHIFT OF IGS TRAFFIC FROM TEMPELHOF TO TEGEL. US CHIEF CONTROLLER SUGGESTED THAT BACC WORKING GROUP EXAMINE WHETHER PRESENT SITUATION IN WHICH TEGEL FLIGHT INFORMATION IS FED ONLY INTO FRENCH ELEMENT AT BASC WOULD BE ADEQUATE AFTER IGS SHIFT. HE SUGGESTED COMMITTEE TREAT ONLY TECHNICAL ASPECTS AND RECOMMEND EARLY EXAMINATION BE MADE OF TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING TWO ADDITIONAL LINES BETWEEN TEGEL AND BASC WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO POLICY DECISION ON FUTURE USE. FRENCH CHIEF BASC CONTROLLER SAID HE COULD NOT ACCEPT
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PROPOSAL.

2. FRENCH CHIEF CONTROLLER INDICATED PRIVATELY TO US COUNTERPART THAT HE CONCURRED WITH DESIRABILITY OF CONDUCTING TECHNICAL REQUIREMENT AND FEASIBILITY STUDY AND ADMITTED NEED FOR ADDITIONAL LINES BUT HE WAS BOUND BY FIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO STONEWALL. FRENCH BONN GROUP POSITION THAT INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION LINES BETWEEN TEGEL AND BASC UNDESIRABLE BECAUSE IT COULD GIVE SOVIETS OPENING TO RENEGOTIATE BASC ARRANGEMENTS IS OBVIOUS EFFORT TO TURN BACK UPON BRITISH ARGUMENT WHICH THEY USED TO VETO FRENCH PROPOSAL TO TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTERING NORTH CORRIDOR FLIGHTS IN BASC.

3. PRESENT SITUATION IS THAT FRENCH ARE BLOCKING EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH TECHNICAL BASIS FOR MAKING DECISIONS RELATED TO AIR SAFETY ASPECTS OF IGS SHIFT BECAUSE OF PIQUE OVER BRITISH POSITION ON NORTH CORRIDOR. THEY HAVE APPROACHED BRITISH IN PARIS AND LONDON, MAKING CLEAR THEY REGARD PROPER FRENCH ROLE IN BASC AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE. SINCE WORKING TECHNICAL LEVEL IS UNABLE TO BREAK DEADLOCK OR TO SEPARATE COMMUNICATION LINES QUESTION FROM NORTH CORRIDOR QUESTION, WE BELIEVE THAT ISSUES WILL FESTER UNTIL SUCH TIME AS POLITICAL DECISIONS ARE MADE BY EITHER BRITISH OR FRENCH. WE CONSIDER THAT BRITISH TACTIC OF MAINTAINING THEIR NEGATIVE POSITION ON FRENCH NORTH CORRIDOR PROPOSAL AND WAITING FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PROBLEMS TO PILE UP IN BASC AFTER IGS SHIFT IN HOPE THAT FRENCH WILL THEN AGREE TO INSTALL ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION LINES IS IRRESPONSIBLE. ON OTHER HAND, PROBLEM IS NOT IMMEDIATELY PRESSING SINCE IGS SHIFT TO TEGEL WILL NOT OCCUR UNTIL AUTUMN. WE WILL TAKE ANY OPPORTUNITY THAT PRESENTS ITSELF TO SUGGEST AGAIN DESIRABILITY OF PROCEEDING WITH WORKING LEVEL, SAFETY ORIENTED, DISCUSSIONS (FOR EXAMPLE, AT APRIL 18 BACC MEETING), BUT WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT EITHER FRENCH OR BRITISH POSITION WILL CHANGE UNTIL WE ARE CLOSER TO TIME WHEN TEGEL IGS SERVICE BECOMES FULLY OPERATIONAL. AT LEAST UNTIL WE REACH THAT POINT, US SHOULD PROBABLY AVOID SEEKING TO PUT ITSELF IN MIDDLE OF ALLIED SPAT. WE MAY THEN, HOWEVER, NEED TO BE PREPARED TO MAKE POLITICAL APPROACH, PROBABLY AT EMBASSY LEVEL, TO URGE COMMON SENSE COMPROMISE IN NAME OF AIR SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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HARMONIOUS BASC RELATIONSHIP. WE CONTINUE TO HOLD VIEW THAT OVER LONG TERM IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO HAVE FRENCH PLAY POSITIVE ROLE IN BASC CONSONANT WITH THEIR HEIGHTENED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CIVIL AIR TRAFFIC IN BERLIN.

4. INCIDENTALLY BRITISH HERE ARE UPSET AT REMARK DE BOISSIEU ALLEGEDLY DROPPED AT TRIPARTITE MEETING IN BONN TO EFFECT THAT AIR FRANCE MAY WISH TO SCHEDULE 25 FLIGHTS

DAILY FROM BERLIN TO STRASBOURG, SAARBRUECKEN AND,
POSSIBLY, DUESSELDORF. BRITISH SEE IN REMARK ANOTHER
IMPLIED THREAT DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE IN CORRIDOR
REGIME. WE DOUBT THAT AIR FRANCE IS CONTEMPLATING SUCH
SERVICES GIVEN FACT THEY JUST REMOVED THEIR BERLIN
MANAGER AND REPLACED HIM WITH WIFE OF MISSION OFFICER
(PLANET) WHO HAD WORKED FOR AIR FRANCE ON PART TIME BASIS.
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